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[11](#). (C) SUMMARY: UNDP RESREP VICTOR ANGELO DEBRIEFED DONORS ON NOVEMBER 1 ON THE UNDP TEAM'S REPORT ON THE "LAND REFORM PROCESS IN ZIMBABWE". THE RESREP OPENED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT THE REPORT WAS A DRAFT, WORKING DOCUMENT, COMPLETED BY AN INDEPENDENT MISSION, WHICH, THUS REFLECTS THE TEAM'S VIEWS AND NOT THOSE OF THE UN. HE DESCRIBED A SERIES OF MEETINGS UNDP HAS BEEN CONDUCTING WITH ALL CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS OVER RECENT WEEKS. HE CHARACTERIZED THESE MEETINGS AS "POSITIVE", AND AS A PART OF THE SYG'S ON-GOING MANDATE TO ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE THE RESUMPTION OF A DIALOGUE ON THIS DIFFICULT SUBJECT.

-- THE RESREP THEN PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S "FAST TRACK" PROGRAM TO DATE, FOLLOWED BY A RUNDOWN OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. HE THEN INTRODUCED THE DRAFT TEAM REPORT, HIGHLIGHTING THE TEAM'S RESTRICTIVE MANDATE ON TECHNICAL ISSUES AND THE FAST TRACK APPROACH. THE TEAM'S MAJOR FINDING IS THAT NO FAST TRACK PLAN EXISTS, AND THAT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO DATE ARE "AD HOC", AND IMPLEMENTED ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL LOCAL PLAYERS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. HE LISTED THE TEAM'S ASSESSMENT OF THE MANY SERIOUS SHORTCOMINGS OF THE PROGRAM AS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED, FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON THE SEVERE CAPACITY AND RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY PROGRAM ASPECT.

-- GROUP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOCUSED ON THE SERIOUS LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON THE TEAM/REPORT BY THEIR OVERLY RESTRICTIVE MANDATE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING GOVERNMENT'S PROMINENT  
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ROLE IN THE PROGRAM (AS OPPOSED TO ALTERNATIVE, MORE MARKET-ORIENTED, PARTICIPATORY AND DECENTRALIZED "COMPLEMENTARY" APPROACHES TO PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION), AND THE FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL (RATHER THAN TECHNICAL) NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD SUBMITTED STRONG COMMENTS THAT THE RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF LAW WAS CRITICAL. HE ALSO STATED THAT GOVERNMENT AND DONORS NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROCESS IS A TWO-WAY STREET WITH DIALOGUE VERY IMPORTANT. THE RESREP CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY WAY FORWARD WAS THROUGH A RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE BY ALL CONCERNED PARTIES, WHICH ALL PARTICIPANTS STRONGLY ENDORSED. TOWARDS THIS END, HE INDICATED UN PLANS TO CONTINUE THIS INITIATIVE, BOTH IN ZIMBABWE AND NEW YORK, IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A PRODUCTIVE INTERACTION. DESPITE LOW EXPECTATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE PROGRESS, ALL PRESENT WELCOMED THE UN'S EFFORTS IN THIS BEHALF. THE RESREP REQUESTED A FOLLOW-UP MEETING NEXT WEEK (THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9) WITH A SMALLER MORE LIMITED GROUP OF SERIOUS POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL REPORT. END SUMMARY.

[12](#). (C) AMBASSADOR MCDONALD, USAID DIRECTOR AND AID TECHNICAL OFFICER ATTENDED A UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) MEETING ON NOVEMBER 1, CHAIRED BY THE NEW UNDP RESIDENT

REPRESENTATIVE (RESREP) TO ZIMBABWE, J. VICTOR ANGELO, TO REVIEW THE EXPERT UNDP TEAM'S REPORT ON THE "LAND REFORM PROCESS IN ZIMBABWE" THAT WAS COMPLETED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FOLLOWING A THREE-WEEK MISSION (SEE SEVERAL PRIOR REFTELS ON THIS UNDP INITIATIVE).

13. (C) THE UNDP RESREP OPENED THE MEETING BY STATING THAT THE REPORT WAS A DRAFT WORKING DOCUMENT, COMPLETED BY AN INDEPENDENT MISSION; AND THAT IT, THUS, REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF THE TEAM AND NOT THOSE OF THE UN. HE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT IT WAS AN UNEDITED  
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VERSION, REQUIRING SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL WORK. HE INDICATED THAT, IN THE PRIMARY INTEREST OF PROMOTING THE RESUMPTION OF A DIALOGUE ON THIS TOPIC, UN SECRETARY GENERAL (SYG) ANNAN REQUESTED THAT THE REPORT BE DISCUSSED WITH CONCERNED ZIMBABWEAN STAKEHOLDERS BEFORE IT WAS FINALIZED AND REVIEWED FORMALLY IN NEW YORK.

14. (C) TOWARDS THIS END, THE RESREP REPORTED THAT HE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SERIES OF MEETINGS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS WITH CONCERNED ZIMBABWEAN STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING SENIOR GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE (GOZ) DECISION-MAKERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR FARMERS' UNIONS AND VARIOUS OTHER DONOR AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL INTERESTS. WHILE HE CHARACTERIZED THE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS AS "POSITIVE", HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PROTAGONISTS' POSITIONS REMAINED FAR APART AND THEY HAD NOT RESUMED ANY MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE ON THIS CRITICAL SUBJECT.

15. (C) THE RESREP PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ON-GOING "FAST TRACK PROGRAM", BASED ON AVAILABLE GOZ INFORMATION TO DATE:

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-- APPROXIMATELY 6,965 BENEFICIARY FAMILIES HAVE BEEN RESETTLED ON 333,196 HECTARES OF LAND TO DATE (AS OPPOSED TO FAST TRACK PROGRAM "TARGETS" OF 30,000 FAMILIES RESETTLED BY YEAR'S END ON ONE MILLION HA. OF LAND, AND 162,000 PEOPLE RESETTLED OVER FOUR YEARS ON FIVE MILLION HA. OF LAND). COMMENT: GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ZIMBABWEAN ECONOMY, THE MISSION BELIEVES THESE TARGETS ARE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC, AT LEAST OVER THE SHORT-TERM AND ESPECIALLY WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE. END COMMENT.

-- GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING SUBSIDIZED TILLAGE SERVICES (I.E., Z\$ 4,207/HA.) TO THESE NEWLY RESETTLED FARMERS, WHICH THE SETTLERS ARE SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR, IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE IMMINENT PLANTING SEASON. HOWEVER, ONLY 2,729 HA. HAS BEEN TILLED UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO DATE, DUE TO INSUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT TRACTORS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THE INABILITY OF MANY OF THE SETTLERS TO PAY FOR EVEN THESE MINIMAL SERVICES.

-- GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED Z\$ 2.7 BILLION FOR RESETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN ITS 2001 BUDGET (SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS).

-- THE ONSET OF THE RAINS THE NOVEMBER 4-5 WEEKEND HAS ADDED AN EXTRA URGENCY TO THE ENTIRE LAND REFORM PROCESS. FOR GOVERNMENT,

THERE IS EXTRA PRESSURE TO GET MORE SETTLERS IN PLACE. FOR COMMERCIAL FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS, THERE IS INCREASED PRESSURE TO GET THIS SEASON'S PLANTING PREPARATIONS COMPLETED. AND, FOR PROSPECTIVE SETTLERS, THERE IS INCREASED PRESSURE TO GET THEIR PLOTS AND REQUIRED INPUTS IN TIME FOR THE PLANTING SEASON. THE RESULT HAS BEEN INCREASED OCCUPATIONS AND VIOLENCE ON THE COMMERCIAL FARMS OVER THE PAST WEEKS, AS PEOPLE SCRAMBLE FOR LAND

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(WITH GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE) AND COMMERCIAL FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS ATTEMPT TO 'RESOLVE' THE SITUATION SO THEY CAN FINISH THEIR OWN SEASON'S PREPARATIONS ON TIME. CURRENT "WORKING FIGURES" ARE THAT BETWEEN 1,500 AND 1,600 COMMERCIAL FARMS ARE OCCUPIED THROUGHOUT ZIMBABWE BY 10,000 TO 15,000 PEOPLE.

16. (C) THE RESREP ALSO REPORTED THAT TO DATE GENERAL AGRICULTURAL PLANTINGS WERE DOWN AN ESTIMATED 15% NATIONWIDE, WITH MAIZE PLANTINGS REDUCED BY 50 TO 65%, AND A FORECASTED 20% DROP IN THIS SEASON'S WHEAT HARVEST. SIMILARLY, HORTICULTURAL CROP EXPORTS AND TOURISM WERE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY. FOR CATTLE, HE NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF BEEF CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET, WHICH POINTED TO DE-STOCKING, PRINCIPALLY WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL FARMING SECTOR. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, HE NOTED THAT THE AREA PLANTED TO SOYBEANS AND COTTON HAD INCREASED APPROXIMATELY 20% FROM FARMERS SWITCHING CROPS ACCORDING TO MARKET SIGNALS. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THIS SEASON'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, GIVEN ALL OF THE DISTRACTIONS AND DELAYS, MORE TIME WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY ASSESS THIS SEASON'S ACTUAL PLANTINGS AND PRODUCTION IMPACT. END COMMENT.

17. (C) DURING A BRIEF QUESTION AND ANSWER (Q&A) SESSION FOLLOWING THIS INTRODUCTION, THE RESREP NOTED THAT THE UN WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE OR NEGOTIATE ANYTHING; BUT, RATHER, THAT THEIR MANDATE FROM THE SYG IS TO PROMOTE A DIALOGUE ON THIS SUBJECT. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR NOTED HIS RHETORICAL CONCERN REGARDING THE DISPLACED FARM WORKERS ("IS THERE REALLY ANY NET GAIN THROUGH THIS PROGRAM?")

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18. (C) IN INTRODUCING THE UNDP TEAM'S REPORT, THE RESREP NOTED THAT IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOWED DISCUSSION OF THE 1998 DONOR CONFERENCE PRINCIPLES WITHIN THE REPORT; AND, INDEED, THAT IT HAD PERMITTED THE MISSION/REPORT ITSELF. HE THEN RECOUNTED THE DRAFT REPORT'S MAJOR FINDINGS AS FOLLOWS:

-- THE TEAM'S MANDATE WAS LIMITED TO TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS ONLY; HENCE, THE REPORT DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE ACKNOWLEDGED FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THIS SUBJECT.

-- THERE IS NO FAST TRACK LAND REFORM PLAN, AS SUCH, AT PRESENT (ONLY A 10-PAGE DESCRIPTIVE DOCUMENT). WHAT IS PRESENTLY OCCURRING IS "AD HOC" AND HIGHLY VARIABLE WITHIN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, DEPENDING UPON THE SPECIFIC CAPACITIES AND INCLINATIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS AND THEIR STAFF. THE RESREP CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION TO DATE AS "AD HOCISM, DEPENDING ON THE INSPIRATION OF THE MAIN PLAYERS."

-- THE TEAM TRIED TO REMAIN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FAST

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TRACK PROGRAM BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT GOVERNMENT MANDATED.

-- AVAILABLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY IS  
TOTALLY INADEQUATE FOR THE SCALE AND PACE OF THE ACCELERATED  
PROGRAM.

-- OTHER MAJOR IMPEDIMENTS CITED INCLUDE: PROBLEMS WITH SELECTION  
OF BENEFICIARIES; LACK OF RESOURCES; CONFUSING INSTITUTIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS; COURT RULINGS AGAINST THE GOZ TO DATE, INCLUDING  
THE PROBABILITY THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL RULE AGAINST THE  
GOVERNMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS IN THE COMING WEEKS.  
COMMENT: FOLLOWING THIS LISTING OF MAJOR IMPEDIMENTS, ONE IS  
LEFT WITH THE OBVIOUS QUESTION OF WHAT ACTUALLY WORKS IN THE  
CURRENT FAST TRACK PROGRAM? END COMMENT.

19. (C) THE RESREP'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS  
THROUGH CONSENSUS AND DIALOGUE. THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS TO DO  
NOTHING, AND THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR ALL. COMMENT: THERE IS NO  
DISAGREEMENT ON THIS POINT, EVEN IF EXPECTATIONS ARE LOW AT THIS  
TIME. IN FACT, THAT HAS BEEN THE AGREED DONOR STRATEGY ALL ALONG  
-- KEEP TALKING -- EVEN IF NOT SUCCESSFUL, WHILE CONTINUING TO  
PURSUE ALTERNATIVE OR COMPLEMENTARY APPROACHES (LOCAL  
INITIATIVES) AND SCHEMES IF PERMITTED TO DO SO BY THE GOZ. END  
COMMENT.

110. (C) A SERIES OF Q&AS FOLLOWED THIS PRESENTATION. THE MOST  
IMPORTANT THEME WAS "WE WELCOME DIALOGUE AND THE UN ROLE IN  
ATTEMPTING TO FACILITATE THIS."

111. (C) THE EU REPRESENTATIVE BEST ARTICULATED THE CURRENT  
GENERAL DONOR POSITIONS ON THIS SUBJECT: (1) THE TEAM'S PREMISE  
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OF RETAINING THE GOZ AS THE LEAD PLAYER IN LAND REFORM WAS  
UNFORTUNATE, AS THERE ARE MANY OTHER "COMPLEMENTARY" MARKET-  
ORIENTED, BOTTOM UP APPROACHES THAT WOULD RESULT IN MORE  
EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY LAND REFORM AND RESETTLEMENT (AS  
NOTED IN THE TEAM'S REPORT REGARDING THE KAROI INITIATIVE); (2)  
THAT THE TEAM'S TECHNICAL MANDATE WAS ANOTHER "FATAL FLAW", AS WE  
ALREADY IDENTIFIED THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS IN 1998  
WHICH COULD READILY BE REVISED TO THE PRESENT CONTEXT. THE MOST  
SERIOUS ISSUES ARE POLITICAL; AND, THEREFORE, BY AVOIDING THIS  
ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM, THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DOOMED TO  
"MISS THE BOAT"; AND (3) THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS NOT  
STATIC AND, BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING LAWLESSNESS, MANY DONOR  
HEADQUARTERS ARE REVIEWING ENTIRE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE TO ZIMBABWE.  
COMMENT: THE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION FIGURES  
PROMINENTLY IN THESE DELIBERATIONS AS WELL. END COMMENT.  
REPRESENTATIVES OF GERMANY, JAPAN AND CANADA ALSO OFFERED SIMILAR  
COMMENTS.

112. (C) AMBASSADOR MCDONALD SUBMITTED PARTICULARLY STRONG  
COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEED FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF  
LAW AND ORDER, AND THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT AND DONORS TO  
RECOGNIZE THAT THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE A TWO-WAY STREET WITH  
DIALOGUE CRITICAL. IN RESPONSE, THE RESREP ACKNOWLEDGED THESE  
SERIOUS CONCERNS, AND REFERRED TO THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDED LAND  
REFORM TRUST FUND PROPOSAL, AS AN INDICATION OF GOVERNMENT'S  
WILLINGNESS TO RE-ENGAGE DONORS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM AS  
PREVIOUSLY ACCOMPLISHED AT THE 1998 DONOR'S CONFERENCE.  
ACCORDING TO THE RESREP, ALL OF THE "PRINCIPLES" AGREED TO AT THE  
CONFERENCE WERE NOW BACK ON THE TABLE.

113. (C) THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH A DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF  
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THE TEAM'S DRAFT REPORT AND THE RESREP'S REQUEST TO MEET  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, WITH A SMALLER MORE LIMITED GROUP OF  
SERIOUS POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY RESTRICTED TO THE  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OR AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, TO FURTHER  
DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL REPORT (AS A MORE MANAGEABLE AND EFFECTIVE  
SIZE GROUP FOR ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT).

114. (C) POST IS REVIEWING THE TECHNICAL REPORT AND DISCUSSING IT  
WITH OTHER KEY DONORS. WE WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL COMMENTS  
SEPTEL.

115. (C) COMMENT: ASIDE FROM THE UPDATED INFORMATION ON FAST  
TRACK IMPLEMENTATION AND AGRICULTURE, IN GENERAL, THE BRIEFING  
DID NOT REALLY BREAK MUCH NEW GROUND. A SUBSEQUENT REVIEW OF THE  
DRAFT REPORT SUPPORTS THE VARIOUS HIGHLIGHTS OUTLINED ABOVE (AND  
IN PRIOR BRIEFINGS ON THIS SUBJECT - SEE REFTELS). GIVEN THE  
TEAM'S RESTRICTED MANDATE, CENTERED ON TRYING TO FIX THE  
UNFIXABLE (FAST TRACK PROGRAM), WE EXPECT THE REPORT ITSELF WILL  
MEET WITH LITTLE, IF ANY, SUCCESS. MUCH MORE IMPORTANTLY,

HOWEVER, WILL BE IF THE UNDP CAN USE THE REPORT/INITIATIVE TO  
RESUSCITATE A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOZ AND ALL KEY

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STAKEHOLDERS ON THIS CRITICAL SUBJECT. WHILE EXPECTATIONS REMAIN  
LOW FOR SERIOUS PROGRESS AT THIS TIME, WE REMAIN MOST SUPPORTIVE  
OF THE UN'S EFFORTS TO TRY. END COMMENT.

MCDONALD

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